

THE EVENING CRITIC.

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1868.

AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.
SEMI-STAR THEATRE CORICOR-Varley.
DRIVER'S SUMMER GARDEN-Comet.
FIVE'S SUMMER GARDEN-Comet.**Weather Indications.**
For the Middle Atlantic States, cloudy weather, light rains, stationary or lower temperature and pressure, winds mostly northeasterly.**The Critic in Georgetown.**
Copies of THE EVENING CRITIC may be had and subscriptions left at E. K. Lundy's book and stationery store, 128 Bridge street, Georgetown.PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS
About People and Things in Washington.

The Cemetary has a good bill this week. Go to Driver's garden for an evening's enjoyment.

A boxer, at his garden, offers a good program to-night.

STREET lamps will be lighted at 7:30 p. m. and extinguished at 1 a. m.

FIFTY ARRESTS were made by the police during the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m.

The Virginia Midland Railway will issue tickets for Fairfax Court-house to-morrow and return for ninety cents.

To-day's experience should teach even the most skeptical that if they want the news they must read THE CRITIC.

PATRICK SEXTON, charged with choking Mary O'Da in a free fight, got the benefit of a doubt to-day and was dismissed.

EMMA STEWART, black, made a violent assault on Eliza Hammond, mulatto, last night, and was fined \$5 for the same to-day by Judge Bundy.

It was the drivers of the Columbia Railway Company, and not the company itself, who sent the floral bar to decorate the coffin of the late W. B. Reed.

The central portion of the city seemed to be unusually infested by mosquitoes last night, and residents generally found it impossible to sleep, except under mosquito bars.

A FINE specimen of night blooming cereus, with over forty open blossoms, will be exhibited to-night at Odd-Fellows' Hall, from 8 to 11 o'clock, for the benefit of Odd-Fellows' library. Admission 10 cents.

IN THE SUIT of H. M. F. V. Stamp vs. Geo. W. Hallowell, a restraining order was made by Judge Wylie to-day against the transfer of certain stocks, as prayed for, and the hearing was fixed for the first Tuesday in September.

JAMES DAVIS, colored, was before Judge Bundy this morning, charged with the larceny of a pocket-book from Mary Smith, which he took from her while asleep. The matter was pretty well fixed on James and he was fined \$25 or 60 days.

ELIA BAYNE, as being in the act of spades, was before the Police Court this morning charged with the robbery of a white man named Joe Burns of \$5 in money in a low baguio. The Court did not think the case made out and dismissed Elia.

IN THE CASE of Charles F. Sawyer vs. Mattie S. Sawyer, for divorce, Judge Wylie to-day denied the motion of counsel to rule the taking of the testimony of Charles Countess from Examiner John A. Clarke, and to hear the evidence in open court.

IN THE POLICE COURT this afternoon, John Norris and Henry Kaiser, two stylishly dressed young white men, were arraigned as suspicious characters, and as they could give no satisfactory account of themselves they were sent to the workhouse for 30 days.

FIRE was discovered last night in a vacant frame house, No. 1439 N. street, northwest, belonging to the Hilton estate, and when the flames communicated with the next house a general alarm was sounded. The structures were of dry, inflammable material, and the efforts of the firemen were devoted to saving the adjacent property. The house in which the fire originated was completely gutted, and the other one badly damaged in the upper story, the loss being about \$500.

JAMES CONNERS, alias Shanty Connors, living on D street, between First and Second streets northeast, was brought to the Fifth Precinct station by a young man named Cockley. Connors' head was badly cut and bruised. He claimed that George Mantz and John Coffee had beaten him in Mantz's saloon. Connors refused to allow his wounds to be dressed, and also refused to prosecute the parties, saying that he would get for himself better revenge than the courts could give him. The wounded man and his companion left the station in search of sweet revenge.

Marrying Licenses.
Marriage licenses have been issued to Richard Shorter and Susie Wilson, Lambert T. Fox and Bessie Tucker, Joseph W. Fox and Matilda Galey, Dr. Robert H. Power, of York County, Va., and Dorothea B. French, city; George Washington and Mary Allison, of Prince George County, Md.; John Murphy and Ada Hise Wines, of Owensboro, Ky.**Summary of Morning News.**
—Gen. Robert Toombs, who is at Clarksville, Ga., is in extreme poor health.
—Gen. Grant will attend a soldiers' reunion at Bloomington, Ill., on September 6.
—Henry Foster, a colored farmer, living five miles north of Covington, Tenn., was called out of his house last night and shot dead. The assassin escaped.—Mr. John Tully Johns, who resided at Dover, near Reisterstown, Baltimore County, Md., committed suicide Monday by shooting himself with a pistol.
—During the audience which the Emperor William gave Minister White on Monday he expressed the friendliest sentiments toward the United States.—Heavy rains have caused a total suspension of railway travel in Arizona, and several days may elapse before the broken embankments and bridges can be repaired.
—A small package arrived yesterday at the Hamilton (Ontario) custom-house, from P. Popoff, Astoria, New York, addressed to G. Block, the assumed name of Leo Hartman, the nihilist.

—The Athenaeum building at Providence, R. I., was broken into on Monday night and robbed of Malbone's famous water-color "The House," the portraits of Cyrus Butler and Percival, the poet, and the money in the cash drawer. A painting by Sir Joshua Reynolds was cut from its frame and left on the floor.

—An unsuccessful attempt was made on Monday to wreck an excursion train having on board 550 men, women and children, by laying cross-ties across the track. The train was going at the rate of thirty miles an hour, and the engine, striking the ties, threw them from the track in every direction. Five men who were riding on the cow-catcher were badly bruised.

—The United States steamer Nipic arrived at Stockholm July 11, and after remaining a week proceeded to Christiansia, Norway, arriving there July 21. The Galena sailed from Santander July 2, arrived July 4 at Bordeaux, and leaving July 15 arrived July 16 at Angers. The health of the entire squadron continues excellent.

—A ranch fifteen miles east of Eliza, Mexico, was recently burned, and one Mexican woman and boy killed by Apaches. The report of the destruction of a village and the massacre of the inhabitants near Rio Puerto is untrue. In all, twenty Mexicans and one soldier have been killed, and one white woman captured by Indians since the 10th instant.

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Harry Mullen, the singer referred to, is quite a young man, but is a quick-witted, pleasant fellow, who "catches on" to a bit of fun instantly. He is young yet in the profession, and has a very pleasant wife and bright baby boy to whom he is devoted. He has been singing here for several weeks, but will retire from the variety profession next season, and with his wife travel with a "Two Orphans" combination, Mullen playing Pierre.

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS.
Judge W. B. G. Shumate, of Fauquier, is in the city.

Mr. Robert Portner will return from North German Lloyd on the 11th of September by the steamer Oder.

The Washington ferry boat City of Washington is still lying at her wharf in Washington awaiting the certificate of the inspectors.

Gen. Mahone will arrive in Alexandria this evening en route to Fairfax C. H., where he and Capt. Riddleberger will speak to-morrow. Gen. Mahone will be serenaded at the residence of Col. Windsor to-night, whose guest he will be while in the city.

Flour continues firm at Monday's advance; wheat is lower and excited, and there is an impression that a further decline will take place. Sales of 6,100 bushels were made yesterday at \$1.27 for Fultz, \$1.29 for mixed, and \$1.31 for Lancaster.

The superintendent of streets is now at work taking up and relaying the square from Cameron to King streets, and when completed will be a great improvement. The present superintendent, James P. Coleman, is a practical mechanic, knows how work ought to be done, and is not afraid to take a hand when necessary. Under his care and management the town is being put in fine condition.

Two young men applied to the commissioner, Major Duffey, for a license to peddle on the streets for one day. They had been arrested and were released on promise to take out license. They appeared to be quite surprised when told they could get no dollar license to peddle on the streets, but they must pay \$50 to the State and \$10 to the city before they could peddle. They went off in high dudgeon, and said they would let our people be swindled by the merchants before they would pay any such license.

The City Council met in special session last night to close up some business prior to taking their usual summer recess. The office night session was absolutely necessary, as it passed to sell the right to this office to the highest bidder, the odorous excavating machine to be used hereafter. A bill to abolish the office of oyster inspector failed in the Common Council, although it passed the Board of Aldermen. An appropriation was made to maintain a visiting fire company from Alexandria, Pa. to arrive in a few days, when a fine demonstration will be made. The apparatus of the visiting company will be housed in the Hydraulicon steam fire engine house. The Council adjourned until second Monday in October.

District Government Notes.
—Hayward & Hutchinson will build a two-story brick store on P street, near Eighteenth, at a cost of \$3,450.
—George E. Lemon was granted a permit to-day for the erection of four brick dwellings on Jefferson street, near N. to cost \$10,000.

The following persons were to-day given permits to repair their dwellings: Michael Briel, \$1,000; Daniel McLaughlin, \$300; Frank Brown, \$30; and Daniel Linkins to locate a wood and coal yard in Georgetown.

—Owing to the fact that the two schools in the county and the two in the second division could not be built for the sum appropriated, the committee of the school board met last night to modify the plans and reduce the expense. A resolution was passed making the following changes: The portion of the Tenth street building will be dispensed with; likewise the block tower on the Massachusetts-avenue school. The cost of the heating apparatus will be deducted from the contract for each of these buildings, and that work will be done on a separate appropriation. The architect is requested to reduce the size of the buildings so as to bring them within the appropriation. The school board also suggests that the all-bids be rejected and new bids be called for.

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